Rise in tuition fee in recognised English medium schools in Delhi

290. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed the recognised English medium schools in Delhi to raise the tuition fee by Rs. 40/- per month w.e.f. December, 1986; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for permitting such a steep hike in tuition fee when it was already exorbitant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The permission was granted to some schools only to enhance tuition fee with effect from October, 1986 to ensure that sub-section (1) of section 10 of Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission can be complied with by the management of these schools.

Pune Airport

291. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the runway at the Pune airport which is under going repairs is likely to be opened for air traffic;

(b) whether Pune airport building is being expanded to cope with additional traffic; including international traffic; and

(c) when the Boeing service to Pune is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines is presently operating daily HS-748 services to and from Pune, making use of the secondary runway. Work of recarpeting of the main runway is scheduled to be completed by the end of June, 1987.

(b) The terminal building is proposed to be expanded to cope up with the increasing requirements of domestic air traffic.

(c) Boeing 737 air service is expected to recommence as soon as the main runway becomes available.

Operation of Air-taxi service by NRIs

292. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the involvement of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the operation of air-taxi service in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Any citizen of India is eligible to apply for Air Taxi Operating Certificate. Only twin-engined fixed wing aircraft with a seating capacity not exceeding 10 persons in case of aircraft manufactured abroad but already available in India and 19 in case of aircraft manufactured in India would be allowed to run as Air Taxi. No import of aircraft into India would be permitted for the purpose of operating Air Taxi Service.